

**A SONG AND ITS ANSWER**

An Independent subscriber sends the paper a clipping from a newspaper published at Asotin, Wash., of "A Song and Its Answer" which has been widely published and which he believes appropriate at this time. It is as follows:

Edward Markham, the poet, under the unpatriotic title, "I Did Not Raise My Boy to be a Soldier," wrote this stanza:

**The Song**

"O, mothers, will you longer give your sons  
To feed the awful hunger of the guns?  
What is the worth of these battle drums  
If from the field the loved ones never come?  
What all these hosannas to the brave  
If all your share is some forgotten grave?"

Dr. James D. Hughes, for over thirty years superintendent of education of the schools of Toronto, Canada, answered this poem. Greater significance is given to the answer by the fact that Dr. Hughes' own son was killed in battle and lies "somewhere in France."

**The Answer**

God gave my son in trust to me;  
Christ died for him, and he should be  
A man for Christ. He is his own,  
And was not mine to "give." He gave

Himself that he might help to save  
All that a Christian should revere,  
All that enlightened men hold dear,  
"To feed the guns!"—Oh, torpid soul  
Awake, and see life as a whole.

When freedom, honor, justice, right,  
Were threatened by the despot's might,  
With heart aflame and soul alight,  
He bravely went to God to fight

Against base savages whose pride  
The laws of God and man defied;  
Who slew the mother and her child—  
Who maidens pure and sweet defiled.

He did not go to "feed the guns,"  
He went to save from ruthless Huns  
His home and country, and to be  
A guardian of democracy.

"What if he does not come?" you say;  
Ah, well, my sky would be more gray,  
But through the clouds the sun  
And vital memories be mine.

God's test of manhood is, I know,  
Not "will he come?" but "did he go?"

My son well knew that he might die,  
And yet he went with purpose high  
To fight for peace, and overthrow  
The plans of Christ relentless foe.  
He dreaded not the battle field;  
He went to make fierce vandals yield  
If he comes not again to me,

I shall be sad; but not that he  
Went like a man—a hero true—  
His part unselfishly to do.  
My heart will feel exultant pride  
That for humanity he died.

"Forgotten grave!" This selfish plea  
Awakens no deep response in me,  
For, though his grave I may not see,  
My boy will ne'er forgotten be—  
My real son can never die;  
'Tis but his body that may lie  
In foreign land, and I shall keep  
Remembrance fond, forever, deep  
Within my heart of my true son,  
Because of triumphs that he won.  
It matters not where anyone  
May lie and sleep when work is done.

It matters not where some men live;  
If my dear son his life must give,  
Hosannas I will sing for him,  
E'en though my eyes with tears be dim.

And when the war is over, when  
His gallant comrades come again,  
I'll cheer them as they're marching  
by,

Rejoicing that they did not die,  
And his vacant place I see,  
My heart will bound with joy that he  
Was mine so long—my fair young  
son—  
And cheer him for whose work is  
done.

—Hillsboro Independent

**IF YOU WANT TO SHARE THE VICTORY**

Keep on following the program of the Food Administration, whatever it may be.

Go lightly on the sugar, limiting your consumption to two pounds per month for every member of the family.

Use plenty of fresh vegetables and spare the other foods for shipment overseas.

Do not let up on the saving of wheat. Use the substitutes. Remember we must build up a big wheat reserve out of the new harvest in addition to taking care of our boys at the front and the Allies.

Can all you can, using as little sugar as possible.

Allow nothing to go to waste. Back up the boys at the front.

"This Eeengleesh language I can not unerstan'," wailed the poor French soldier to his English friend. "Now, zee 'ear; I look in my leetle book an' eet zay that eef I go queek I go fast, eef I am tied up I am fast, eef I spend zee money too much I am fast.

"An' zen I find zis in zee Eeengleesh newspaper: 'Zee first one won one one-pound prize.' Oul! Zee Eeengleesh language! Eeet ees awful!"—London Ideas.

**HOUSEHOLD HINTS**

Whatever fruit in season should be made the most of especially for desserts.

Use the stump of a candle instead of a cork for the glue bottle and it will not stick.

A piece of fungus broken from an old tree is a splendid buffer for mahogany furniture.

To pad the edges of dollies before embroidering them, work them in a coarse chainstitch.

If pastry shelves are painted white they will be easily kept clean and will look attractive.

A hot mustard footbath will often relieve a headache by drawing blood away from the head.

The first requisite in the summer home is coolness; and all furnishings should be of the simplest.

Asparagus is delicious served with brown butter for a change, instead of on toast with dressing.

The bone should be left in the roast; it will keep the juices in and add flavor and sweetness.

To preserve rubbers for fruit jars cover them with dry flour. They will be as pliable as when new.

A wheeled tea cart with glass tray is a very handy thing to have if a family lives much on a piazza.

To prevent black stockings from changing color add a teaspoonful of vinegar to the rinsing water.

When sweeping day comes remember that the hair of the woman who sweeps should always be covered.

A glass of hot water with lemon juice is excellent for the complexion if taken just before going to bed.

Hot milk and cocoa are both nourishing and make a very wholesome part of a business girls' lunch.

Add a few bread crumbs to the scrambled eggs; they will improve the dish and make the eggs go further.

Never waste the drippings or meat essence in the frying pan; it will make a savory brown or creamed gravy.

When fruit juice, cherry or strawberry or any other, is left over it may be utilized to flavor a gelatin dessert.

Old stocking leys cut in strips and fastened to an old dish mop handle can be oiled to become dustless dusters.

To keep suet put in through the meat grinder; then flour it well, put it in a glass jar and keep it where it is cool.

Lemonade made with oranges, lemons, a few slices of banana and sprigs of mint is delicious and refreshing.

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Geo. King.  
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Miss Ethel Sherman.  
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Sherman White.

Letters unclaimed by August 17th will be sent to the Division of Dead Letters. IVA E. DODD, P. M.

Guarantee the soldier's rations by sticking to your own.

Gas shelling in certain sectors on the war front is so constant the Y. M. C. A. war workers serve for hours behind the counters wearing masks.

Watch your picnic lunches. Do not take more food along than will be eaten or if you do, don't throw it away, but bring it home and see that it is eaten in place of some other food. The food administration suggests that you take a loaf of bread along and cut it as you need it, instead of making your sandwiches in advance.

Mayger has put out a bumper crop of cherries this year which has been a profitable one for the growers as prices have been exceedingly good considering the quantity of this fruit on the market. Sixty thousand pounds were shipped by Lou Fluhrer of that place as the season's crop. This section will become a fruit center yet.—Chief.

**Summer Complaint**

During the hot weather of the summer months some member of almost every family is likely to be troubled with an unnatural looseness of the bowels, and it is of the greatest importance that this be treated promptly, which can only be done when the medicine is kept at hand. Mrs. F. F. Scott, Scottsville, N. Y., states, "I first used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy as much as five years ago. At that time I had a severe attack of summer complaint and was suffering intense pain. One dose relieved me. Other members of my family have since used it with like results."